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Congress Leader Answers Critics

Wise Started Probe Which Ended In Detroit Unit Ouster—Berman

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CHICAGO—One of the younger leaders of the American Jewish Congress disclosed last week that it was the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise who started the investigation which led to the ouster of the Detroit Metropolitan chapter of the Congress.

Rabbi Morton M. Berman, president of the Chicago chapter, made the disclosure in a letter to the Chicago SENTINEL, local Anglo-Jewish weekly.

The Detroit chapter was expelled at a meeting of the national administrative committee of the Congress in June which also dropped the pro-Communist Jewish People's Fraternal Order and the American Jewish Labor Council.

Rabbi Berman made his statement in answer to a letter in the SENTINEL of July 23 by the two Red-front Jewish groups, charging them with "gross mis-statements" about the ouster.

The statement was seen in informed quarters as an answer to charges by the ousted unit that the expulsions were a betrayal of the ideals of Rabbi Wise, founder and president of the Congress till his death last April.

Wise Started It

"Because of strong protests from Detroit Congress leaders, Rabbi Wise directed an informal investigation to be made by a member of the national executive committee," Rabbi Berman reported.

That report, prepared after an open hearing, "was made the basis of formal charges against the chapter by Rabbi Wise," Berman reported. "A formal, open hearing on these charges was held by a sub-committee of the national executive committee, not including the investigator."

Rabbi Berman said that at both hearings, the Detroit chapter appeared and gave "extensive evidence."

"On the basis of the largely undisputed facts, the subcommittee concluded that the chapter

had deliberately defied the Detroit Council Congress on several major decisions, had repeatedly acted without proper clearance, had deliberately instigated hostility against other Congress groups and aired internal differences to outside persons, and had misrepresented official actions in minutes and at open hearings."

Rabbi Berman said the subcommittee recommended dissolution of the chapter, and that recommendation was adopted by the full executive committee "and the chapter is no longer in existence."

Detroit Plans Fight

That last point has been disputed by officials of the ousted chapter, who have filed an appeal against the ouster decision and have announced their intention to fight the issue out at the next convention of the Congress which opens Nov. 9. (NJP July 22).

Rabbi Berman said he had made his statement to permit Chicago Jews to decide for themselves whether the ousters were made because the ousted groups had engaged in "progressive" activities, as they claim, or whether because "of a fundamental unwillingness to work within the democratic framework of a large organization when the majority of its representatives did not agree with their point of view."

The latter charge also was leveled by Congress leaders against the recently-formed Committee for a Democratic American Jewish Congress, which has announced its intention to seek replacement of the present leadership at the November convention.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Congress executive committee, rapped the new internal opposition group last week as a "tiny minority" seeking to "foist" its views on the majority. The new faction has promised to make a major issue out of the Detroit ouster at the fall convention.

MARK ON ADL

NEW YORK.—(NJP)—Rabbi Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel, was named this week to the eastern board of directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

ZOA Foresees Flop of Joint UJA, Must Launch Own Drive—Frisch

Synagogue Boom Underway In Pa.

PHILADELPHIA.—(NJP)—A local firm of architects, headed by a Jew, has sent a man out all over the State of Pennsylvania to snare contracts for the construction of new synagogues or the remodeling of old ones.

There is a baby boom now in the field of synagogue building with hardly a single congregation not talking about a new structure, or adding to or fixing up the old one.

Branch Synagogue OK'd In Philadelphia

National Jewish Post
PHILADELPHIA — Beth Shalom Congregation was given zoning board approval this week for its suburban religious school and branch synagogue in Cheltenham township, whose Jewish residents were the loudest in protesting those plans at board hearings.

The same Zoning board turned down the request of Congregation Adath Jeshurun for permission to build a suburban synagogue in the same section but did approve a religious school.

Reform congregations Rodeph Shalom and Keneseth Israel still were waiting for action on their joint petition for a combined religious school and branch synagogue in the wealthy suburban township.

Soviet Zone Yields Jewish War Orphans

BERLIN—A group of 50 children, most of them of half-Jewish parentage and mainly orphans, have left the Russian zone by air for Berlin, the Jewish CHRONICLE of London reported last week.

Since last March, when special arrangements were made by Youth Aliyah, about 200 such children have been permitted to leave the Soviet Zone of Germany for Israel.

The newspaper reported that even during the blockade of Berlin, Jewish children were allowed to leave by routes specially opened for them by Soviet officials.

The paper said it was estimated that another 300 children, including those of mixed marriages, mostly Polish, will be permitted to leave for Israel.

NEW YORK—President Daniel Frisch of the Zionist Organization of America announced plans this week for an annual \$2,000,000 drive for ZOA projects in Israel. But he proposed conditions designed to set the stage for a ZOA demand for that amount from the United Jewish Appeal in order to avert an independent fund drive in the U. S.

Back from a four-week tour of Israel to "sell" the ZOA to the Israeli, the Hoosier Zionist leader said the ZOA was "and is willing to forego the launching of any independent fund-raising campaign" if the Jewish Agency could persuade other major U. S. Zionist groups to do likewise.

Precisely such a plea to U. S. Zionist bodies was approved two weeks ago at a special conference in Tel Aviv but the idea seemed to be getting virtually no support here.

It was offered on the basis that such groups as Hadassah, a heavy fund-raiser for its network of institutions in Israel, and the Labor Zionist Organization of America, which runs a yearly Gewerkshafen drive for the Histadrut, should join in the 1950 United Jewish Appeal.

The proposal for a joint campaign would mesh the fund-raising facilities of such organizations into the 1950 UJA drive, with subsequent allocations to the Zionist groups for so cooperating.

Frisch called the Tel Aviv conference a failure and said that "in order to cover up the failure" the conference "apparently decided to appoint a coordinating committee which in effect means the harmful continuation of the splintering of our efforts at a time when complete unification of all public drives for Israel would, in my judgement, have been the strongest stimulus toward a more successful United

Joint Appeal for 1950."

What It Does

Frisch's statement apparently assured the ZOA of a basis on which to seek the \$2,000,000 from a joint UJA drive, in the unlikely event the Jewish Agency proposal is accepted, or left the way clear for the ZOA to launch an independent drive, if the plan was rejected.

Informed sources reported that both Hadassah and LZOA leaders were adamant in opposition to the proposal.

The proposed annual fund would finance three ZOA projects in Israel. One would be the building of colonies on the principle of private home ownership. The exception would be the land, which would be public domain allocated by the Jewish National Fund.

The second would be establishment of small loan societies to aid the small trader and businessman, whom Frisch called "the forgotten man" in the Israeli economic scene; and the third would be erection of housing for the same group.

For Marshall Aid

Frisch also added the backing of the ZOA to arguments by the Jewish Labor Committee and a CIO delegation that the Israeli Government should adopt a "pro-Western orientation."

As did the other groups, Frisch argued such a stand would lead to Marshall plan aid for Israel and would encourage a more rapid influx of private capital.

Lipsky Reported Choice to Head U. S. Zionist Council; Miller Out

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Louis Lipsky, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, is slated to be named chairman of the American Zionist Council, formerly the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was reliably reported this week.

Rabbi Irving Miller, former chairman of the ZOA national administrative council, had been boomed for the post to succeed Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who resigned last April.

Opposition to Rabbi Miller's candidacy for the chairmanship developed at a meeting in May at which vigorous efforts were made to persuade Dr. Silver to accept re-election.

Rabbi Miller was opposed at that time by the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) representatives on the American Zionist Council on grounds that strong and aggressive leadership would be needed to fight for autonomy of U. S. Zionist bodies at the next World Zionist Congress.

Lipsky On Agency

Lipsky, who had been one of the leaders of the now-dissolved formal opposition to the ZOA leadership of Rabbi Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, last year's president, had been mentioned for a post on the Jewish Agency executive as part of the pact which led to the coalition presidency of



LIPSKY
Daniel Frisch, the present ZOA chief.



GOLDSTEIN
However, Dr. Israel Goldstein, another ZOA past president, is scheduled to become a member of the American section of the Jewish Agency. He has completed a year as treasurer of the Agency in Jerusalem and has returned to the U. S.

Two vacancies were opened on the American section when Silver and Neumann resigned in the fight this spring over control of the United Jewish Appeal campaign this year.

Israeli Kids Set Up Autograph Exchange; One Ben-Gurion Worth Three Menachim Beigin

TEL AVIV, Israel—An autograph of David Ben-Gurion, prime minister of Israel, is the medium of exchange in a signature exchange set up by Jewish children during the session of the Israeli parliament.

According to Horizon, a new Israeli publication, one "Ben-Gurion" signature may be worth three of Menachim Beigin, leader of the right wing Herut party, political successor to the Irgun.



BEN-GURION

The reason is that Beigin walks to sessions of Parliament and many children have a chance to get his autograph. Ben-Gurion comes in a private car and he is consequently hard to catch for an autograph.

The signatures of the Arab members of Parliament have a high value, being worth two for one "Ben-Gurion."

The most precious of all autographs is that of Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Israeli Minister of Labor and Rehabilitation. She spent a long time in Moscow as first Israeli ambassador to Russia and was consequently not available to the autograph hunters.

New York

NOT ALL ISRAELI EDUCATION IS CAST IN RIGID PARTY MOLD

By M. Z. FRANK

UNFORTUNATELY I saw Fuss only once. Unfortunately I don't remember the name of his assistant. But it hardly matters. There is still enough left to tell. The only annoying element in the situation is that an American nudnick got into the story.

Early in May 1948 I went with Zevuloni of the Haoved Hatzioni on an automobile tour to visit their kibbutzim. In the evening we met in Tel-Aviv around the table for tea. On my visit that day I was specially impressed by my conversation with chaver Fuss, who is in charge of the Educational Institution at Kfar Glickson.

I saw the teachers and the pupils at work, in the classrooms in wooden shacks, which had been hastily put together, and then sat down to talk with chaver Fuss. We kept on talking until I had to leave to go back to Tel-Aviv. But we agreed to meet again. He telephoned my hotel in Tel-Aviv on May 17, a day before my departure, and we did not meet.



FRANK

I VISITED KFAR GLICKSON again in March, 1949. With us was Yitzhak Kubowitzki, the director of the Constructive Fund; a couple of visitors from the Argentine and America and some members of the General Zionist Administration. This time Fuss was absent from Kfar Glickson, and again we did not meet. I carried on the discussion with his assistant. It is too bad that one of the American visitors kept bothering us with posing for his camera.

Where previously I had found wooden shacks, I now found a bright, beautifully constructed dining room. There we ate together with the instructors and the pupils. It was a modest but nutritious meal. The children were quiet, well-behaved, but there was no evidence of external discipline. It was rather the self-discipline that comes from inner conviction which the teacher helps to form and to mould.

The Kfar Glickson has a smaller budget than any educational institution of its kind, and the money goes much further.

The reason for it is that the maximum use is being made of the best progressive methods in education to teach the children practical work and thereby contribute to the upkeep of the institution, to its food provision, its maintenance. Older children are employed as guides and instructors to the younger ones, the children attend to the cleanliness, to the mending, to the sowing, etc.

The children study and work. They work in the fields, in the gardens, in the laundry, in the dining room. And they study both practical and cultural subjects.

AS TO THE SPIRIT AND IDEOLOGY of the place, I well remember the words of chaver Fuss during my first visit:

"We teach Jewish history and Jewish tradition, but we avoid rigid dogma. A Jewish religious custom which can have meaning for the children is observed. But we avoid imposing on him a custom which would be purely formal and to which they could find no response in their own souls."

Children are taught to love their homeland and to love work, but party dogma is shunned.

"The socialist doctrines brought from Europe do not fit our Palestine reality," Fuss told me in May 1948. "Socialism means first of all nationalization. What are we going to nationalize here—the Jewish National Fund?"

Just as in the treatment of dogmas in party life and in religion, the Educational Institution at Kfar Glickson avoids rigid adherence to antiquated forms. The institution is imbued with a spirit of earnestness, of sincerity and of intellectual alertness.

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ON March 16, 1949, early in the morning, I got into a second class compartment in the Rome-Paris train. With me were two young fellows who looked every bit American. At first I thought they were newspapermen. But they had no typewriters and could not speak a word of Italian or French. I found out they were Mormon missionaries to Denmark. They told me they could speak Danish.

I hope the enterprising Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will take the hint and organize a Reform Jewish mission to Israel. I have no objections—so long as the services are in Hebrew.

Norfolk Settles Kashrut Dispute In Which Schochet Brought In Outside Rabbis To Intervene

NORFOLK, Va.—Settlement of a fight over supervision of Kashrut in meat and poultry sales by Norfolk Kosher butchers was announced this week by the Jewish Community Council.

The dispute between the Vaad Hakashruth, the supervising rabbinate, and four Kosher butchers led to dismissal of Simon Mazel, a schochet (ritual slaughterer) and charges of "flagrant disloyalty" against Mazel.

He was accused of inviting outside rabbis into the Norfolk Jewish community.

"We think it has been most regrettable that during the period of this controversy outsiders were brought into the community and one publicly self-appointed himself as Chief Rabbi of Norfolk to supersede the authority of the esteemed and beloved leaders of our synagogues," said Albert Hofheimer, president of the Norfolk JCC.

The four butchers were H. Teitler, A. Perlman, Harry Perlin and Hyman Perlin.

The contending butchers agreed formally that the Vaad was the only authorized body to supervise Kashrut in Norfolk and accepted Rabbis Paul Reich and Joseph Schechter as the rabbinical authority for their kosher sales.

Mazel was replaced by the Rev. Benjamin Martin whose shechita (ritual slaughter) was "personally authorized by the Rabbinical Committee of the Vaad Hakashruth."

The Rabbinical Committee issued a statement that the Vaad was no longer responsible for the kashrut of those animals slaughtered by Mazel.

"The flagrant disloyalty of Mr. Mazel, both to the Rabbinical Committee and to the Norfolk Jewish Community Council, under which the Vaad Hakashruth was constituted, and his responsibility for inviting other rabbis to come to Norfolk and to further confuse the issues were the cause of his dismissal," the Rabbinical Committee said.

The dispute included charges against the Kosher butchers of non-kosher slaughterers, non-compliance with some rabbinical requests and a debate over the amount of tax to pay to the Vaad for schochet and mashgiach (rabbinical inspector) services.

The settlement was arranged through the work of a mediation committee consisting of Lester W. Sherrick, president of the Norfolk JCC, Morton J. Gaba, JCC executive director, and board members of the JCC.

Knesset Members Reduce Own Salaries

TEL AVIV, Israel—Members of the Israeli Parliament last week approved a motion to cut their monthly salaries by about \$10 a week.

The motion was placed in effect because of the general fall in the price level brought about in Israel's austerity drive.

Soviets Refuse Aid To Ilse Koch Trial

BAMBERG, Germany—Authorities of the Soviet Zone of Germany this week declined to supply witnesses of evidence for the German trial of Ilse Koch, the witch of Buchenwald.

The Bavarian prosecutor's office said a request to the Soviet officials produced a flat rejection.

A German court will try Frau Koch in October on charges of crimes against German prisoners.

Her release by American authorities after she was sentenced to life brought a storm of protest but she received freedom after only a short term. Among other brutalities, she was accused of collecting human skins for lampshades.

Procurer For Nazis Gets Light Term

MUNICH.—(WNS)—Deep resentment is prevailing in the Jewish community here over the light sentence imposed by a German court on Mimie Gossmueller, former director of the female section of the Oswencim concentration camp.

Gossmueller, a former street walker, was accused of selecting Jewish girls for brothels visited by Nazi officers. She was sentenced to four years.

Syrian Government Starts Manhunt

Damascus Synagogue Bombed; Seven Killed, Scores Injured

DAMASCUS, Syria—Security police pressed a hunt this week for terrorists who tossed a handmade bomb into a synagogue in Damascus, killing seven worshippers and injuring 27.

The terrorists were believed demonstrating against the Palestine peace negotiations now being conducted by the United Nations Conciliation Commission at Lausanne.

The bomb was tossed into the entrance of the synagogue in the midst of preparations for Friday evening services. The synagogue was severely damaged.

The Syrian Government made it plain that the bombing was in no sense regarded as of no consequence.

Every available detective and police officer was thrown into the hunt for the terrorists and several arrests were made within 24 hours, including the son of a prominent Syrian family.

Premier Raps Bombers

Premier Muhsen Barazi visited the bombed synagogue and said that the bombing was an attack on the authority of his Government and a blow to its prestige.

President Husni Zayim ordered that the injured were to get the best of attention and food available.

Official sources indicated the attack was the work of a small anti-Jewish, anti-Government group which opposes the Zayim regime on grounds it is not fanatical enough on the issue of Palestine.

No Terrorism

The theory that there is no popular support for the bombing is based on the fact that Damascus has not had any terrorist acts against Jews during the Palestine war or since.

The Syrian Government restricted the movements of its Jewish nations during the war but recently restored their full rights to move about as citizens.

The official sources said that apparently the bombing was designed to check peace talks at Lausanne, in which the attitude of Syrian negotiators has pointed to an early peace settlement with Israel.

Two Turkish Towns Totally Minus Jews

ISTANBUL.—(JTA)—The two southeastern Turkish towns of Marash and Diarbakir were reported this week as being completely without Jews following the departure of 300 Jews from there for Israel. Almost all the small Jewish communities of that area are reported as having been completely liquidated.

These Jewish Communities, which were considered the most ancient in Turkey, were completely isolated from the world and from Turkish Jewry. They had no link with Judaism other than religion and Hebrew traditions, which differ from those of the Sephardic Jews living in the country.

No Jews Permitted To See Wailing Wall

JERUSALEM.—(JTA)—Despite repeated promises by United Nations personnel that the Arabs in control of the Old City of Jerusalem would make arrangements for Jews to be admitted to the Holy Places there, not a single Jew was permitted to visit the Wailing Wall this week, on the eve of Tisha B'av. In pre-war years thousands of Jews from all over the country flocked to the Wailing Wall to recite the Lamentations, marking the destruction of the ancient Temple.

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JTA Formally Denies Menorah Journal Charges; Fires Counter-Charge Of Deliberate Malice

(See 'Editor's Chair' This Issue)

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, target of a series of charges of mismanagement fired by the MENORAH JOURNAL, rejected the charges this week in a formal reply denouncing the magazine's attack as "a deliberate and malicious attempt" to discredit the news agency.

The study, made by Allan Lesser, managing editor of the magazine, charged evidence of bias and suppression of important Jewish news, diversion of tax-exempt funds to the JTA's subsidiary corporations, and secrecy in the conduct of its affairs "unbecoming a communal organization." (NJP July 29).

The formal reply of the world's largest Anglo-Jewish press association in turn contained several charges against Lesser and the MENORAH JOURNAL.

Those 20 Questions

As part of his study, "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency: An Examination of its Character and Activities," Lesser submitted 20 questions to George Backer, JTA president. He asserted in his study that he never received any reply. The report appeared in the spring, 1949 issue.

Commenting on that claim, the JTA rebuttal declared that Lesser "deliberately withheld the fact that he was repeatedly invited by Mr. Backer to meet him personally to receive the answers and explanations requested, and that he promised to phone back and set the date."

"The author's failure to take advantage of these invitations or to acknowledge in print that the JTA was prepared to answer them points to one very obvious conclusion: the writer did not want the answers—he preferred to create suspicion and doubt by raising the questions and leaving them unanswered."

Question of Procedure

"The ethics of such a procedure is highly dubious, to say the least," the JTA said.

In commenting on Lesser's charge of concealment of the inclusion of the JTA in the New York United Jewish Appeal, starting in 1947, the JTA charged that the accusation was "a deliberate lie motivated by resentment over the refusal to include the MENORAH JOURNAL in that campaign."

Lesser, asked to comment on these and other counter-charges, wired The Post that he would be "glad to reply on all points after seeing the full text of the JTA statement. I reaffirm all facts given in my article."

Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the JTA, previously gave The Post a partial reply to Lesser's charges. Smolar, in an exclusive statement, commented only on Lesser's criticisms of the JTA's news service and did not comment on Lesser's questions about JTA ownership and control (NJP July 29).

In a statement to the Post, commenting on Smolar's exclusive reply, Lesser filed new charges.

Smolar Versus Landau

"Last year, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Boris Smolar presented a series of formal charges against Mr. Jacob Landau, managing director of the agency," Lesser said in his statement.

"It would be enlightening to know which officer in JTA's complicated corporate setup Mr. Smolar was speaking for in his reply to your correspondent," Lesser told The Post. "Certainly not for himself, for as a working journalist of many years standing, Mr. Smolar knows better than most people that the facts presented in my study of JTA are irrefutable."

Confident of Backing

"I am fully confident that the investigation of JTA-Overseas News Agency, started several months ago by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare

Funds, will report substantially the same findings as those contained in my independent study.

"Every single fact and every statement in my study was checked and double-checked before publication. Documentary proof for these and other facts—which for lack of space could not be incorporated in my 30 page study in the MENORAH JOURNAL—is available in my files."

Lesser repeated his contention that his 20 questions were never answered and asserted that the honor and good name of the American Jewish community called for the removal from Jewish organizational life of Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, Backer, Landau "and all the other officers of JTA-ONA responsible for this sorry mess."

Blaustein and the AJ Committee were included in Lesser's study through the Committee's subsidy to the JTA before 1947, when it was included in the 1947 N. Y. UJA and through a loan to Landau through the American Jewish Committee, when Landau purchased Seven Arts Feature Syndicate. The ONA and Seven Arts are subsidiaries of JTA.

JTA Gives Some Answers

In a point-by-point reply, the JTA in its formal rebuttal, took up the charges in Lesser's original article.

1. On news coverage. The rebuttal asserted that Smolar personally covered all sessions of the 42nd annual convention of the American Jewish Committee last January. The rebuttal did not mention the fact that the convention considered tentative plans to establish a national Anglo-Jewish news weekly, which was not covered in JTA reports on the convention and which The Post did not learn about until a month later. (NJP Feb. 11).

The statement dismissed Lesser's criticism of the quality of JTA reporting with the comment that "the JTA is not prepared to accept the judgement of the writer of this article as valid or authoritative, particularly in view of his manifest lack of knowledge of elementary journalistic procedures."

The statement dealt in some detail with Lesser's charge that "bias and suppression of news also are indicated in JTA's handling of what was by far the most sensational domestic Jewish event in 1948, the resignation of Henry Montor as executive vice chairman of the United Palestine Appeal."

Suppression Admitted

The JTA admitted frankly that it withheld coverage on the Montor resignation and disclosed that "leading figures in American Jewish life" asked the JTA "not to publish news of the developments until a settlement was reached, on grounds that a premature airing would be harmful both in reaching agreement and in its effects on the campaign."

"The JTA acceded to this request. It placed the public interest on a higher level than the public curiosity."

2. On the structure of the JTA. The rebuttal traced the history of the JTA much along the lines listed in the Lesser article but added the detail that it managed to have deficits and nevertheless to maintain an independent status largely through the efforts of the late

Louis Marshall and Herbert Bayard Swope.

The JTA said that Marshall was opposed to the establishment of a communal board over the JTA, that he wanted the JTA to be free and independent and to receive support from welfare funds and public spirited individuals on one ground only: JTA's usefulness to the Jewish community.

The statement said that the JTA resisted an attempt "to subject its service to and from Palestine to political control with the result that Palcor was created." Palcor was established by U. S. Zionists.

Landau Sought Help

"Landau knew he could not fight this battle singlehanded," the JTA rebuttal continued. "He appealed to Swope, who called a conference of the most outstanding Jewish leaders in the fall of 1933."

"A board was established to help Landau fight JTA's battle for independence. George Backer became president, and Felix M. Warburg vice president. JTA was transformed into a non-profit corporation. Mr. Landau transferred the rights to vote his shares to a committee of trustees."

"At no time did the JTA give the American Jewish Committee or any other organization control over its affairs."

The statement disclosed that when the JTA was reorganized in 1935-36 as a communal, non-profit agency in Delaware, "the New York corporation was dissolved."

"The new corporation, as a non-profit enterprise, was given tax exemption status by the U. S. Treasury and is also exempt from the New York City sales tax," the rebuttal said. "No individual draws any profits from the JTA nor any payment except for services rendered."

Audits Are Available

"Audited statements for the JTA and its subsidiary companies are prepared by a leading firm of certified public accountants. These statements are available to duly authorized representatives of the community."

The statement did not define what sort of U. S. Jews were in that class but it specifically excluded Lesser.

The rebuttal then took up Lesser's charges of concealment of JTA inclusion in the New York UJA. "The statement that the inclusion of JTA was concealed from contributors to the UJA campaign is a deliberate lie motivated by resentment over refusal to include the MENORAH JOURNAL in that campaign," the statement declared.

In proof, the rebuttal noted that "the advertisements published by the UJA, its campaign literature, etc, list the JTA as one of the participating agencies of the campaign."

The statement said the JTA had

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Israel Sets 18 As Voting Age

TEL AVIV, (JTA)—In the first major reform of the election laws of the new state, the Israeli Knesset this week reduced the age requirements for voters from 21 to 18.

In political circles here the measure is considered one of the most democratic pieces of legislation of its kind.

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Names In The News

SCOTCH NURSE TOLD CHIEF RABBI OF ENGLAND HIS PRAYER MANNERS

THE tale of the Scotch nurse who gave Chief Rabbi ISRAEL BRODIE of England a lesson in prayer manners came to light this week, as reported in the Jewish Chronicle of London.

It was shortly after Dunkirk and Rabbi Brodie was among those who had been evacuated. He was sent to Scotland on army chaplaincy duties and on his tour he was invited by a leading member of the Scotch Jewish community in Edinburgh to Friday evening dinner.

The children's nurse at the home of the leading Scotch Jew had grown up with the family and in so doing had become, in effect, one of them, though non-Jewish.

As the family prepared for dinner, the air raid sirens began to wail and the Chief Rabbi, with a vivid memory of Dunkirk, recited a shorter form of Grace so the family could retire as soon as possible to the shelter.

But that didn't go with the Scotch nursemaid. She snapped: "Rabbi, I'd have ye know we're Orthodox Jews here. Ye'll kindly bensch properly!"

In the Family

CYRUS LEVINTHAL, a leading Los Angeles attorney, kept the family traditions of Zionist service with election as president of the Southern Pacific Region of

the Zionist Organization of America. He is a brother of Judge Louis Levinthal, of Philadelphia, a former president of the ZOA.

The Journalist's World

Guest columnist for Nathan Ziprin, conductor of the Seven Arts feature, "On the Record," last week was MARC H. TANENBAUM, publicity chief for the Mirachi (religious) Zionist Organization, and chief of the N. Y. bureau of The Post.

The Book World

The OSCAR LEONARDS now both have books to their credit. Crown Publishers of New York announced the publication of "Jewish Cookery" by LEAH W. LEONARD, who originated and for a time conducted the food column, "What Foods These Morsels Be" in The Post.

Memo for Yiddishists

The Hebrew University has appointed its first lecturer for the Chair of Yiddish to be established at the university, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports. He is AARON ZEITLIN, Jewish author and a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal, Orthodox N. Y. Yiddish daily, an appointment certain to cheer lovers of Yiddish, which has suffered a historic lapse under the twin blows of the destruction of European Jewry and the rise of modern Hebrew via Zionism.

Doing It Right

When the time for Bar Mitzvah for YETHUDA FISHER, a New York schoolboy, arrived, he got something special. Along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher, they took a trip to Israel, and the Bar Mitzvah was held at the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv.

With the Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS—Rabbi J. L. KAHN, formerly of New York City, has been elected spiritual

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Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14—Sen.

Wayne L. Morse, noted Republican liberal, will appear as guest panelist on the new summer series "The Words We Live By," on the "Eternal Light" program 12:30 p.m. DST, NBC.

SUNDAY, August 14—Rabbi Eugene Sack of Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, seventh speaker representing all wings of American Judaism, on the "Message of Israel" program 10 a. m. DST, ABC.

leader of Congregation B'nai David in Los Angeles.

Rabbi AARON WERNER of Spokane, Wash., has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Chevra Thilim in Los Angeles, assuming his new duties Aug. 1.

Congregation Beth Abraham of Detroit has elected Rabbi ISRAEL I. HALPERN as its spiritual leader. Rabbi Halpern came to Detroit from Greenfield, Mass.

Rabbi H. HIRSCHBERG, spiritual leader of the West End Temple at Neponsit, Long Island, has been elected rabbi of the Hebrew Union Congregation in Greenville, Miss.

Rabbi MORRIS MARGOLIES of New York has been chosen assistant rabbi at B.M.H. synagogue in Denver.

BIRTHS—Twin sons, Harvey David and Marc George, to Rabbi and Mrs. J. BRANDEISS of Mount Sinai Congregation, Wausau, Wis.

JTA HITS MENORAH JOURNAL; CHARGES DELIBERATE MALICE

(Continued from preceding page)

never refused to reveal "to the community which supports it" the terms of its agreement with UJA.

No Request Made

"No such request has ever been made of the JTA. Those responsible for direction of the communal activities know the terms of the agreement. The JTA does not consider the MENORAH JOURNAL nor the writer of the article as qualified representatives."

The rebuttal rejected what it called insinuation "that there is something off-color in the ownership of Seven Arts Feature Service. The company is owned by the JTA. No individual derives any profit from it."

"It is maintained as a separate agency because it works independently and because a second service is required by the American Jewish press. The books of Seven Arts are regularly audited."

The rebuttal said that no attempt "was ever made to conceal the relations between JTA and

the Overseas News Agency, and adding that the two corporations are entirely separate and work in different fields.

The statement said specifically that "ONA is a non-profit organization" but did not answer Lesser's charge that the Seven Arts was a profit organization.

The summary of the statements by Smolar and the formal rebuttal of the JTA was to leave unanswered in any way the following in the list of 20 questions submitted by Lesser to Backer: (Numbers follow Lesser's list).

5. What is the salary of the managing director of JTA? Of the editor?

6. Under what circumstances and by whose authority was JTA included as a beneficiary of the 1947 Greater New York UJA for \$150,000 and in 1948 for \$165,000? For what amount is JTA included in 1949?

10. What is the salary of the managing director of ONA? of the editor?

11. Who holds the stock of ONA? of Seven Arts?

12. Has the American Jewish Committee's loan for its (Seven Arts) purchase ever been repaid?



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DETROIT, ONCE A HATE CENTER, NOW FREE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

"DETROIT Free of anti-Semitism" is the headline in a recent issue of the FORWARD. The article goes on to reveal that at the recent annual meeting of the Detroit Jewish Community Council the committee concerned with anti-Semitism had virtually nothing to report except for a few negligible cases of petty harassment.

The city of Coughlin and G. K. L. Smith seems to have washed itself of organized bigotry. But JOURNAL columnist Jacob Gladstein calls it tragic that the family of the late Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy invited Coughlin to officiate at the obsequies for their distinguished relative. However, the fact that Coughlin turned down that puzzling invitation would indicate that the Detroit Jewish Community Council is right in asserting that anti-Semites no longer regard their city an easy target for their poisonous wares.



SILVER

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Did You Know About
The Jewish Forty-Eighters?
What did Henrietta Szold, Louis Brandeis, Felix Adler (founder of the Ethical Culture movement) Joseph Proskauer and Benjamin Huebsch, head of the Viking Press, have in common? They were all

descendants of, or married to descendants of, Jewish "Forty-Eighters."

A "forty-eighter" is the term used to describe those immigrants to America driven here by the repercussions of the revolutionary movements in Europe in 1848. The first authoritative study of "Jewish 48'ers in America," has been made by young Rabbi Korn in "The American Jewish Archives" published by the Hebrew Union College.

Reviewing this article in the DAY, Dr. Solomon Bickel expresses his pride over the fact that the 28 Jewish 48'ers tracked down by Dr. Korn lived up to the ideals of liberalism to be found in prophetic Judaism.

Four of the 28 were rabbis, but virtually all of them remained loyal to the faith, made important contributions to American life in such fields as journalism, medicine, and government, and passed on the liberal heritage to their children.

Forty-eighter Benjamin Szold gave America a liberal prayer-book (still in use) and a daughter whose name is imperishable, Forty-eighter John Proskauer's Joseph became head of the American Jewish Committee. Forty-eighter Joseph Goldmark's daughters became Mrs. Louis Brandeis and Mrs. Felix Adler. Forty-eighter Adolph Huebsch's son, Benjamin is today the president of the Viking Press.

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A Small Joke For Lovers of Yiddish

JOKE: A worker enters the shop and says to the foreman, "Good evening." "It's 8 in the morning," says his friend. "Why do you say, 'Good evening'?" "Because," answers the first, "when I see that foreman vert mir finseter in di oigen (everything goes black)." (The DAY)

15. What are the terms of the agreement recently entered into between JTA and the Government of Israel?

19. What is JTA policy in covering activities of national organizations?

20. In your opinion, what news of Jewish interest does JTA cover which is not covered at least as adequately by the N. Y. TIMES and the N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE?

The rebuttal also did not comment directly on Lesser's judgement that the weakest aspect of JTA coverage was its reporting of U.S. Jewish news.

Three Poles, members of an anti-Jewish, anti-government underground organization, have been arrested for desecration of the Jewish cemetery of Lodz and the destruction of a number of tombstones. They will be brought to trial in October, a Security Ministry spokesman revealed.



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Women's Viewpoint

JEWISH SEX CODES MAKE MAN POOR, DEFENSELESS CREATURE

By HELEN COHEN

POOR defenseless male!

What would you consider a sensible approach to the problem of man's sex drive?

I have listed a three-point program: 1. Early and happily-adjusted marriage; 2. Keeping occupied with wholesome constructive work, play and study; 3. Character training, self-discipline, unselfishness, patience, temperance, moderation.

The traditional Jewish program as seen in Rabbi Louis M. Epstein's book, "Sex Laws and Customs in Judaism," definitely included the first two points, early marriage and occupation with study. But instead of number three, character training, a completely different approach was used.

Man, unfortunate creature (the sages must have reasoned) was afflicted with the sex urge; therefore the poor dear must be protected from himself. How? By keeping woman, toward whom the drive is directed, out of his sight as much as possible.

In chapter II, "Sex Segregation in Public Places," we find that the aim was to keep women indoors, hidden from public gaze: "The gadabout was scorned; women were a constant source of worry to the men. Women had their own quarters. A certain character, Papus B. Judah . . . used to lock up his wife when he went out."

Even the 18th century sage, Rabbi Elijah, the Gaon of Vilna, urged upon the women of his household "not to leave the house except for a very pressing need or for the sake of carrying out a holy meritorious mission. Even visits to the synagogue shall be short; it is better for women to pray at home." The Gaon is reported as having believed that "Men are to avoid conversation with women, especially married women. Women were to be kept away from parks."

Very fine. That ought to take care of our precious males. But what about the women. Didn't they have any feelings? Wouldn't they benefit from a relaxing afternoon in the park. To be continuously constrained to the four walls of the home must have been a dull existence indeed.

SOME MEN TRIED to lay the entire blame on women, as though she had entered into a secret pact to harm man. The Testament of Reuben warns: "In their heart they plot against men and by means of their adornments, they deceive first their minds and by the glance of their eye, they instill the poison and then, through the accomplished act, they take them captive."

It didn't seem to bother the wise men that women's actions were motivated by the very same impulse which possessed man. Or that she had more to lose. Or that the art of persuasion was not solely a feminine weapon.

When women did leave their homes, "proper caution was to be taken in respect to exposure of the body: 'a women's head must not be uncovered in public. The veil was not discarded until the 16th century by Western Jewry. It is still used by Oriental Jews.

Just a little extra protection for long suffering, susceptible mankind.

Of no importance, of course, was the fact that woman was thereby rendered uncomfortable. What did it matter if being covered from head to toe was too much clothing on a hot day, as long as she was conveniently hidden from the sight of man.

(We might bear in mind that the position of women in non-Jewish circles was even worse. Husbands felt perfectly free to beat their wives at the least provocation.)

In reviewing Rabbi Epstein's book in the Boston Jewish ADVO-CATE, Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow thinks it's time we discarded new-fangled ideas and returned to our ancient ways. 4

No so fast, kind sir.

Let's give the men a chance to act like mature adults. They're big boys now, you know.

SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE we have touched on the subject of woman's status in traditional Jewish law. The last time, if you recall, was when we pointed to the fifth commandment, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother," as an indication that women might have enjoyed equal rights in earlier times.

At Wildacres, we asked Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, who has been emphatic in his insistence that women were given inferior status, if the Fifth Commandment didn't prove otherwise.

His answer was that in her particular role as a mother, woman may have been treated as an equal but not in her capacity as a person.

We can see now that Dr. Kaplan knew whereof he spoke.

AJ Committee Aids Jews On U.S. Flag Use

NEWARK, N. J.—For the benefit of Jewish groups in the U. S., the American Jewish Committee has issued a list of excerpts from the joint resolution of the 77th congress on display of the American flag with other flags.

The Newark Jewish NEWS reported that the AJ Committee notified Jewish groups that while the display of a foreign flag is not forbidden, it is suggested that both flags be shown together.

New School Subs For NJP Total 250

The Washington Boulevard Temple of Chicago is the latest to order a bulk subscription to The National Jewish Post for use in its classrooms.

The 30 school subscriptions, at the special school rate, bring to nearly 250 the number of such subscriptions already ordered for Jewish children.

Information on special school rates may be obtained from Frank Gross, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis.

Calcutta Jews Mark 2000th Year

CALCUTTA, (JTA)—A festive ceremony marking the celebration of 2,000 years of history in the Jewish community in Cochin, India, took place in a local synagogue, attended by the Maharajah of Cochin.

The synagogue where the ceremony took place was built 400 years ago on land next to the Royal Palace granted for that purpose by the Mararajah's ancestors. It is famous throughout India and is visited by persons of all races and creeds.

Youth Conclave to Hear World Jewish Report

NEW YORK—A first-hand report on the World Assembly of Youth in Brussels this month will be given to the 1949 assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference scheduled for Sept. 2-9 at Camp Wel-Met, Narrowsburg, N. Y.

The report will be given by Arnulf M. Pins, chairman of the youth conference. He also will report on Jewish councils in France, Belgium, Holland and England, which he is visiting on an overseas trip.

Two More Greek Jews Get Guerilla Terms

ATHENS, (JTA)—Two Greek Jews, the brothers Samuel and Leon Cohen, were sentenced to life imprisonment by a Greek military court at Volos on charges of having been in contact with the rebels, it was learned here. The same court condemned two other Jews to death on the same charges.

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1 cup orange juice
1 cup strawberries
1/2 cup lemon juice
1 cup diced pineapple
sugar

Mix orange and lemon juice, add sugar to taste. Chill thoroughly. Cut strawberries in halves, reserving 6 large ones uncut, and mix with diced pineapple. Place in glasses, and cover with the fruit juice. Top each cocktail with a whole strawberry.

GINGER COCKTAIL

1 1/2 cups diced canned or cooked peaches
1/2 cup orange juice
1 1/2 cups diced bananas
2 tablespoons chopped preserved ginger
2 tablespoons icing sugar

Mix diced peaches and bananas. Mix orange juice and sugar, and pour over peaches and bananas. Place in glasses and sprinkle with chopped ginger.

GRAPEFRUIT COCKTAIL

Dice an equal quantity of grapefruit pulp and orange pulp. Mix, add sugar to taste, and a little lemon or grape juice. Chill thoroughly, and place in ice-cold glasses. Garnish with maraschino cherries, whole or sliced. Pineapple may be used instead of orange pulp, if desired.

ORANGE SHELL COCKTAIL

6 oranges
1 banana, diced
2 slices pineapple, diced
juice of 1 lemon
sugar

Slice off tops of the oranges, and scoop out the pulp. Place shells in ice water to crisp. Dice the pulp, mix with diced banana and pineapple, add lemon juice and sugar to taste. Refill orange shells. If desired, serve each stuffed orange in a small bowl filled with crushed ice.

The Post will send one of Tina Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

SWAMPED TEMPLE TO HOLD SERVICES AT STATE FAIR HALL

By A. R. BEER

National Jewish Post Correspondent

DALLAS—The only Reform Temple in Dallas, Emanu-El, announced this week that it would hold its next High Holy day services at the Texas State Fair Auditorium because it was impossible to provide for all would-be worshippers in its present facilities.

The temple was designed for 400 families and has close to 1,000 family memberships now.

For several years, the Temple has held two services, an early and a late one, on the eves of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, and last year it held four services, two each in the Temple and in the Religious school auditorium.

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The attendance last year was about 2,700 persons per evening.

The Temple has not only the usual problem of a burst of once-a-year worshippers but in addition many families come from small communities in the surrounding countryside who have no synagogue facilities. The State Fair auditorium

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The Editor's Chair

I HAVE A NICE friendly letter from Ida (Mrs. Jacob) Landau, and although Ida has her hands full at the moment, I don't think she ought to go around making false accusations of breaches of confidence against The Post.

It wouldn't matter so much to me, except that Ida seems to have answered protests of other papers on the exclusive statement we obtained from Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, by making the unfounded charge against The NJP.

"Any statement that may have been published previously as from JTA, was not authorized for publication, according to the president of the JTA," last week's issue of the American ISRAELITE of Cincinnati, said editorially.

Here is the text of Ida's letter to Ben Gallob, our managing editor, and then I'll tell Ida the facts which she should have learned before making the charge against The Post:

"Through the various protests voiced, I became aware that you published Mr. Smolar's reply to your letter, despite his writing you that he was abstaining from making an official statement with regard to Mr. Lesser's article in the Menorah Journal about the JTA.

"It must have been apparent to you that it was not an authorized statement for publication. Publication of this unauthorized statement was most embarrassing to us, particularly in view of the fact that a number of publishers who received the Menorah article refrained wholly from publishing it; others are awaiting our reply. They were most considerate and indulgent over our unavoidable delay in releasing our statement.

"It, therefore, seems unfair that you should have breached a confidence and taken an advantage over them."

I'll start off by printing Mr. Gallob's letter to Mr. Smolar. Notice that the date of Mr. Gallob's letter is July 14, a full two weeks before we finally printed the story, and as Mr. Gallob states, about a month after we got the advance story from the MENORAH JOURNAL.

Here is the letter:

July 14, 1949

"Dear Mr. Smolar:

"About a month ago, the Menorah Journal sent us an advance release on an article about the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"A few days later I received a telegram from your office, saying that the article was considered libelous and that a full statement in comment would be forthcoming as soon as your office has a chance to see the Menorah Journal article.

"The Spring, 1949 issue of the Menorah Journal, containing the article in question, arrived here a week ago. I assume your office had a chance to see it at

least three or four days before it arrived here.

"I suspended publication of a news story on the article because I wanted to see your comment and make it part of the story. I would appreciate a prompt indication as to when the JTA statement will be forthcoming, since I feel there ought to be some time limit on this before I go ahead with the original article.

"In fairness to ourselves and to our readers, I will include a note that we made an effort to get a statement from you but were unable to do so—if we actually do not receive a statement. We have been widely criticized for a penchant for controversy but we do at least try to get both sides of every story. I don't think it can be denied that the Menorah Journal reports on the world's largest Anglo-Jewish press association can hardly be dismissed."

Mr. Smolar wired Mr. Gallob within a few days to the effect that he was sending us a statement for use in our story by airmail. On July 20, Mr. Smolar's two-page single-spaced letter arrived. You'll note that we held up the story—which we could have printed in our issue of July 22—an additional week in order to give Mr. Smolar a chance to answer at the same time that we printed the charges.

Mr. Smolar's letter to Mr. Gallob starts as follows:

"I have your letter of July 14.

"While abstaining from making an official statement with regard to Mr. Lesser's article in the Menorah Journal about the JTA, which is full of mis-statements of fact—and in a number of instances libelous—I can only say that he did not comply with the rudimentary requirements of decent journalism by checking up material before making it public."

Mr. Smolar then goes on listing four specific points. These you read in our story of July 29, which used the entire quotation in the paragraph above.

That the contents of the letter was an answer from the JTA's editor-in-chief is obvious from Mr. Gallob's letter, Mr. Smolar's wire and Mr. Smolar's letter.

We were more circumspect in this instance than we had need to be. We could have printed the MENORAH JOURNAL charges weeks before we did. We gave the JTA ample opportunity to state its case. The one thing we did not do—and which the JTA obviously wanted us to do—was to ignore the MENORAH JOURNAL charges altogether.

We now have Mr. Jacob Landau's official answer to the charges and they are reported on elsewhere in this issue. It contains errors in fact and also errors as to the responsibility of a news agency, but unless Mr. Landau—whom I've always respected and held in high regard—wants me to get in this argument, I'll let it go its own way to a conclusion, which as I indicated in my editorial will probably mean a re-organization.

Just to show you that we knew of the storm brewing within the JTA, I'll ask you to recall the story in our issue of May 6, which told of four large Jewish communities either withholding their allocations to the JTA or in the stage of reaching such a decision unless the JTA produced evidence to show that it was revising its financial structure.

Our story did not mention the JTA by name out of our concern over the threat of injuring a

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The Controversy In the American Jewish Congress

HOW to interpret the current controversy in the American Jewish Congress so that readers may understand more clearly what is going on?

As in the case of any organization which was held together, so to speak, by the greatness of one man, the Congress was bound to suffer when Stephen Wise died. There are no other Stephen Wises, and none of the men now in positions of leadership within the Congress would care to claim that they belong in the company of the great rabbinical liberal.

The same thing happened when Henry Monksky died. The B'nai B'rith, which his personality and untiring zeal had kept in the forefront of the American Jewish community, was bound to suffer.

In the case of the Congress, death has taken a severe toll of its leaders, starting first with

the untimely air-crash death of Dr. Alexander Pekelis, and then the death of Kurt Lewin, the famous sociologist. Pekelis was the most original thinker the American Jewish community had seen in decades.

Two other factors have militated against the Congress. Other national Jewish organizations have adopted a good part of the Congress' militant program. The second factor—true not only of the Congress—is the slow decline of all U. S. Jewish organizations.

In a regime as long as that of Dr. Wise, misunderstandings and dissatisfactions were bound to arise. The lesson from both Dr. Wise and Henry Monksky is that no man should be given more than a three to five year term at the head of any organization. A two-year limitation, such as that prevailing in the Zionist Organization of America, is even more preferable.

The Dream of a United Drive for Israel

IT IS unfortunate that the ideal of a United Drive for Israel in the U. S. for 1950 cannot be realized.

Such a United Drive will come, but not next year.

The facts of Jewish organizational life are harsh. While the United Jewish Appeal this year will in all probability not reach the \$100,000,000 mark—we certainly hope we are too pessimistic—such independent drives as those conducted by Hadassah will do far better on a percentage basis, compared with what was raised last year.

Hadassah is the best fund raiser in the American Jewish community. Will it be willing to come into a UJA for 1950 in which it will stand to receive only as proportionate share of the

fund, depending on how much is raised?

Of course it won't and if it is offered a guaranteed allocation as an inducement to give up its independent drive, then all the participating organizations will ask for the same assured commitment.

This does not mean that The Post is not for a unified drive.

It means that The Post doesn't dream.

A united drive for all causes will not come because the Jewish Agency wants it. It will come as an expression of a demand from the local Jewish communities which are beginning to realize that with so many separate drives going on, the principal drive—that for the UJA—is harmed over and above the amount raised by the independent drives.

Suppose Non-Jews Were the Objectors?

THE American Jewish community is being treated to an unappetizing episode in the objections of some Jewish residents in Cheltenham township to the establishment of branch synagogues and religious schools in their neighborhood.

The Jews had legitimate complaints.

In order of their overwhelming importance, they are:

1. That Boy Scouts might blow their bugles

in the morning.

2. That trees would be cut down and views spoiled.

3. That property values might be depreciated.

We won't include the complaint of the college professor who said he would not be able to read or write books if the synagogues were established.

Suppose these objections had been voiced by non-Jews. The motives would be clear. The motives are just as clear in the case of the Jews.

Missionaries To The Jews

THE ouster by the Southern Baptists of Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, a converted Jew, from his position as head of that group's efforts to convert Jews to Christianity is a wise move and we don't mind telling the Southern Baptists so.

Nothing so infuriates the Jewish group as a meshumad. No one is so beneath contempt. Dr. Gartenhaus may not be like other converted Jews whose conversion has won them a good

job and an income, but the whole kaboodle couldn't persuade the most assimilation-minded Jew to move over into Christianity.

The Southern Baptists and all other proselyting groups might first send their converted Jews who want a job as missionary to the Jews, to a 10-year stay in the African wilds, or to China, or Japan as a test of their sincerity before sending them to waste their time on Jews.

Current Comment

Orthodox Jewry is beginning to take its place in the ranks of U. S. Jews seeking to establish the centrality of the Synagogue, says Simon A. Dolgin in *Orthodox Jewish Life*. After long years of adjustment—and perhaps one should say maladjustment—the definitely Orthodox Jew in America has now become—an American. He has survived the chaotic years of mass immigration, the years of painful adjustment, the era of inadequate equipment for coping with the environment, and has emerged as a part of the land but in command of his own spirit. The intervening years have left him with a vast encumbrance of obsolescence in the way of physical plant and organizational structure, but he has learned the need for a comprehensive, militant approach to his problems, one geared to American tempo. The defensive mentality

which circumstance imposed upon him is being replaced by a broadly constructive spirit.

Orthodox Jewry in America is digging itself out of the debris of mildewed, wrong-side-of-the-tracks synagogue life and is on the march—up town. It is carrying the Aron Kodesh along with it. Hundreds upon hundreds of Orthodox congregations are building new structures, essaying new projects, boldly endeavoring to mould their environment. A fertile Jewish life is being re-born. The program of the Orthodox synagogue shows resilient expansion, responding to a newly charged vitality. And simultaneously the Synagogue is developing a nation-wide cohesion, with common national and regional institutions that develop stature slowly but unmistakably.

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CAN'T SEE B'NAI B'RITH SPONSORING NATIONAL EXPANSION OF WILDACRES

Editor, National Jewish Post:

The great enthusiasm in your editorial of July 15 for the Wildacres Institute is understandable, but when you expect this technique to "Sweep the U.S. Jewish community" as a nation-wide adult education movement, you are ignoring the wisdom of the schoolboy's classic definition of horticulture . . . "YOU CAN LEAD A HORTECULTURE, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM THINK."

This type of education has wonderful possibilities, but let us be realistic in recognizing that its effects will be limited to that "remnant" of adults willing to go to the mountain for study and in search of knowledge. It will not replace the country club, the baseball diamond, or the card table as an adult diversion.

Your statement that such a project is a job for a national Jewish organization is a sad reflection on the over-organization consciousness of our Jewish community. If any project deserves a total community backing, this one certainly should have it. Why B'nai B'rith is nominated by you for this project I shall never know. If ever the need for an organic Jewish community such as my good friend and fellow St. Paulite, Rabbi Max Vorspan, is experimenting with in Pasadena made itself evident, the need for adult education sponsorship is a perfect example.

I know you will be interested

in hearing about the Adult Institute and Seminar which Herzl Camp has been planning for the Labor Day Week-End. In a four day session, Jewish adults of the Northwest will explore the topic "The Whys and Wherefores of the Jewish Future".

This year is our first experiment in adult sessions, which plan was inspired by our great success in the past four years with children's groups, teen-agers and young adults. This year adults will meet at Herzl Camp on beautiful Devils' Lake in Webster, Wisconsin for the very purpose you so glowingly described in your editorial columns.

Reuben Resnik, director of the St. Paul Bureau of Jewish Education, is planning the program in conjunction with other Jewish educators and laymen.

I am writing this to you to let you know that all the wisdom of the Jewish community does not come from the mountains . . . some of it may be found in the plains and prairies as well.

This year's adult institute is sponsored by the Herzl Camp Association, an outgrowth of the efforts of the Northwest Zionist and Hadassah regions. This sponsorship is for the purposes of expediency only. We feel and wish that there were an organic Jewish community whose responsibility such a project would become.

With its record enrollment of

young people this year, Herzl Camp hopes to provide the leadership in adult education which it has played in the informal educational field for juniors in the Northwest.

The entire growth of Herzl Camp is eloquent testimony to the maxim that "if you want something done, do it yourself". Without help or encouragement or sponsorship of national Jewish organizations, the people of the Northwest decided they wanted a summer camp of positive Jewish values . . . and so we have one.

IRV WALDMAN
Public Relations Chairman
Herzl Camp Association
St. Paul, Minn.

Ed. Note: Wildacres is a B'nai B'rith project now two years old. I did not nominate B'nai B'rith. If B'nai B'rith nationally doesn't latch on to this movement, I'll sell the idea to a national organization with greater vision. GMC

Polish Boy Scouts Boycott Jewish Choir

WARCAW, — (JTA) — A children's concert in which some 1,000 boys and girls participated was nearly disrupted when a band composed of members of the Polish boy scouts refused to play for a Jewish children's choir, it was reported here this week. The concert, which took place at a resort town, continued after the scout leader prevailed upon his charges to play for the Jewish singers who rendered Polish and Jewish songs.

The Editor's Chair

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national agency with a record of good service.

Then at the meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Bretton Woods, N. H., late in June, I learned of a special meeting called for the following week in New York of members of the JTA board of directors. Other than the above, I was consulted as far back as two years ago by some people concerned with the JTA in connection with any suggestions or criticisms I might have.

But throughout it all, our position has been above reproach. Ida has no complaint at all. I'll finish by referring to the fact that for years after the JTA bought Seven Arts, and we challenged the JTA publicly time after time, to admit the purchase, they refused to reply, although now Mr. Landau says in referring to its ownership that "No attempt is made to conceal this relationship . . ."

Of course, Mr. Smolar himself

HE THINKS GRAYZEL'S PROPOSAL FOR SELF DEFENSE DANGEROUS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Dr. Grayzel's suggestion of training for Jewish self-defense in America (July 8 issue) both amused and amazed me.

The amusing part was due to the fact that when I directed AZA (B'nai B'rith Youth) in New York City, a similar suggestion had been made and developed with the assistance of Mr. A. C. Horn, well-known philanthropist and Jewish leader. This program was developed at the height of the Nazi influence in New York City, when street fights were taking place in Yorkville.

The program was rejected by youth itself. The young people want to participate in athletics as evidenced by the intense athletic program we had for them, but they were playing the game because it was part of the American way—no ulterior motives were in their youthful minds nor can any adult agency impose such motives upon youth. I think they are correct.

Further they are learning self-defense by an intense athletic program even though it does not have the same motivation as suggested by Dr. Grayzel.

The amazing part of the suggestion was the statement, and I quote your report: "Use of arms in self-defense." Such a suggestion from a noted Jewish historian shows little understanding of this country or the way to fight for democracy. The cry of the anti-Semites would be justified if

the Jewish community attempted to develop such an "army" within its organization. If Dr. Grayzel and any others who think this way will stop to realize that his aims are being developed without the necessity for it being a specific Jewish responsibility, there would be no need for such damaging utterances. Most of the youth of this country are able to learn how to use arms because of the selective service act, the ROTC program in high school and college. Here this knowledge is used for a greater undertaking—safeguarding of American democracy.

Let's get our youth to join with other Americans in this program, especially that portion which is voluntary, and we will accomplish the aims suggested by Dr. Grayzel without the dangers which are presented in the program outlined by him.

HYMAN H. HAVES

Los Angeles.

FRIMER GETS NEW POST

NEW YORK (NJP)—Rabbi Norman Frimer, for the past four years director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Minnesota, will leave that post Sept. 1 to become dean of students at the Hebrew Theological Seminary in Chicago, it was announced this week.

MONDSCHNEN NAMED ATHLETIC COACH AT NEGRO COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA

OXFORD, Pa.—Irving (Moon) Mondschnein, noted Olympic star, was named this week as coach of football, basketball and track at Lincoln University, a 95-year-old Negro institution.

Mondschnein was winner three times of the National Amateur Athletic Union decathlon championship and twice winner of the National Collegiate Athletic Association high jump title. He also was captain of the 1948 Olympic decathlon team at the London games.

DENVER PLANS ITS FIRST JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DENVER—Plans were underway this week to establish the first Jewish Community Council in Denver Jewish history.

The Allied Jewish Council board of directors adopted a revised constitution enlarging its scope from its present status to an overall community representative body, according to the Intermountain Jewish News.

An assembly of delegates from Jewish organizations and board members will be called when the present Allied Jewish campaign for the United Jewish Appeal is ended, the weekly reported.

The assembly will start work on formation of the proposed JOC. David Stein, chairman of the community council planning committee, said that the action was taken in response to public demand.

In adopting the revised constitution, the Allied Council in effect agreed, the weekly reported, to plans that it become "the overall, unifying body of the Jewish community, represent the community in all of its relationships."

Slightly Jarred Envoy Arrives In Israel

ATHENS, — (JTA) — Joseph Mallah, the first Greek diplomatic representative to Israel, left this week by air for Tel Aviv. His staff will follow him later.

The appointment of Mallah, a Jew who represented his native country at the League of Nations in the pre-war era, came under attack by the Greek rightists. Both parliamentary deputies and some rightist newspapers scored the Foreign Ministry's choice of a Jew as its diplomatic representative.

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climches the case against Ida with his own note to me dated Aug. 2, which reads:

"I got plenty of complaints from other papers for sending you an exclusive statement on the Menorah attack."

I want Ida to notice that Boris says specifically "for sending you an exclusive statement."

Now Ida doesn't need to apologize to me. I just wanted to set the record straight. As a newspaperwoman, she would have obtained the correct information before she told anyone that The Post was guilty of a breach of confidence.

HER OWN MINYAN?

TEL AVIV (JTA)—A decision to grant every mother in Israel a bonus of \$300 at the birth of her tenth child was announced this week by the Israeli government.

NEW YORK

Samaritan Synagogue Found In Israel

JERUSALEM, — (JTA) — Remnants of an ancient synagogue bearing Samaritan inscriptions have been uncovered by archaeologists digging in the village of Salvith, which overlooks the Ayalon Valley.

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Union Documents Claim CCNY Has Anti-Jewish Teachers Policy

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—Charging widespread discrimination against Jewish teachers in hiring practices at the City College of New York, the Teachers Union, local 555 of the CIO United Public Workers, this week demanded a public investigation of tenure practices at the city college.

"The recent unjustified dismissal from City College of Dr. Lee Lorch, following close upon the revelation of discriminatory practices in the Knickerbocker and Davis cases, seriously raises the question of whether racist discrimination might not be simply a sporadic and occasional manifestation but a widespread and perennial policy at the college," the union asserted.

It then offered breakdowns of tenure practices to buttress its charge that such a policy actually was in effect.

The local asserted that over 50 teachers have just completed their probationary years and should be granted tenure. Normally, according to the union, most of those completing their probationary years get permanent appointments.

For Non-Jews, Yes

"This is precisely the kind of percentage that appears in the tenure appointments affecting non-Jewish candidates, that is close to 100 per cent," the local reported.

In the case of Jewish candidates, 52 per cent of those completing probationary teaching were granted tenure, compared to 96 per cent for non-Jews.

In the class of dismissals before tenure, the local reported that 22 per cent of white non-Jewish teachers had been dropped, while 89 per cent of Jewish teachers were dismissed.

The local charged that the most notable examples of specific anti-Jewish discrimination developed in connection with chemistry recommendations.

This year, the departmental appointments committee recommended for tenure appointments eight people, the local said. Of these, six were Jewish, one Negro and one white non-Jew.

An Open Case

The Science Personnel and Budget committee voted to approve four of the appointments, including the one White non-Jew, the Negro and two of six Jews, the local said.

"It has been reliably reported to us that the white non-Jew was immediately and unanimously accepted, but the Jews were accepted only after prolonged debate and by a split vote," the union

said.

The local listed another case in recommendations for promotion made by the CCNY chemistry department. Five people were recommended, with choices from first to fifth in this order: Jewish, Jewish, Negro, white non-Jewish, Jewish.

"The only one of these recommendations which was not rejected by the Science Personnel and Budget Committee was the Department's fourth choice—a white non-Jew," the local asserted. "So obviously discriminatory was this action that the Review Committee felt impelled to rectify it by restoring the first three candidates to the list of recommendations."

The local said it had always fought the policy of denying employment to graduates of the college but aside from that issue, "We cannot but note that it is often applied where Jews are involved and ignored where white non-Jews are concerned."

"Thus, all seven white non-Jews who are City College graduates received tenure, while eight out of 14 Jewish graduates of City College were dismissed when they became eligible for tenure."

N. Y. Yiddish Daily Raps Polish Red Critics

NEW YORK—The Central Committee of Polish Jews in Warsaw, which criticized the Jewish Morning JOURNAL, Orthodox Yiddish daily, for its reports on conditions of Jews in Poland, was slapped by the daily this week as a Communist front group.

The Central Committee charged there was no truth in JOURNAL reports that Polish Jews were suffering pogroms and other dangers.

The JOURNAL said its reputation for accuracy was widely-known and that it had been "reporting facts only" about Poland. The daily called the Central Committee "a Communist clique" serving the Red-dominated Polish Government "as a propaganda channel."

Vatican Hits U. S. For Israel Stand

ROME—(JTA)—Charges that the United States supports a point of view exactly the opposite of the Vatican's at current Lausanne discussions on the fate of Jerusalem appeared this week in a front-page editorial in "Il Quotidiano," a newspaper which often serves as a medium for semi-official Vatican statements.

The editorial charged that American representatives at Lausanne were opposing Vatican proposals for the Internationalization of Jerusalem on the ground that an autonomous Jerusalem would not be economically viable. The paper dismissed along with this contention, the idea reported as prevalent in Lausanne, that United States opposition was motivated by fear of Russian intervention. It stated that despite the United States stand the forthcoming session of the General Assembly would not be without echoes of Christian aspirations.

Beigin Objects To Fascist Label

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—Menahem Beigin, former leader of the Irgun, this week addressed a crowd of more than 10,000 people at Luna Park, emphasizing that he never attacked the Israeli government abroad and that he considers it his government. He also urged the Jews of Argentina to make investments in Israel and buy Israeli goods. Beigin strongly criticized those who say that the Irgunists were fascists.

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ISRAEL TO ACCEPT ARAB DPs BEFORE PEACE PACTS SIGNED

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Israeli Government, yielding to even greater pressure from the United States, disclosed this week that Arab refugees will be resettled in Israel even before actual peace terms are signed.

The latest disclosure of U. S. pressure was made in a statement by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who said that Israel will regard United Nations proclamation of peace as final.

Sharett said that Israel does not feel that signatures on a pact are necessary before conditions of peace become effective.

He disclosed that Israel will not bargain to any degree on two conditions. One is that the 25,000 already admitted are to be part of the 100,000 which Israel is ready to accept. A second is that Israel reserves the right to accept only those refugees acceptable to her.

In a sharp debate in Keneset, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion defended the Government and said that little nations were al-

ways under pressure from big nations and that it was no disgrace to know when to yield under such circumstances.

"If we invoke the animosity of a big power not only do we risk losing help, but also the support of 5,000,000 Jews who could not seriously oppose the policy of their government," he said.

GREECE CLEARS JEWS

ATHENS, (JTA)—The Israeli consul here has received assurances from the Greek War Ministry that Greek Jews whose age groups have recently been called up for service with the armed forces will be permitted to migrate to Israel if they choose, it was learned here this week.



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